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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: OUTLINE OF SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IN CARACAS

1. FOLLOWING IS AN OUTLINE OF THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE IN CARACAS. DETAILED SCENARIOS OF EACH EVENT WILL FOLLOW WHEN WE HAVE AN APPROVED SCHEDULE.

2. FEBRUARY 16, 1976

1705 ARRIVAL AT MAIQUETIA. MET BY FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM. FOLLOWING ARRIVAL CEREMONIES, SECRETARY MAKES WELCOMING STATEMENT.

1730 SECRETARY'S MOTORCADE DEPARTS MAIQUETIA FOR NATIONAL PANTHEON (BOLIVAR'S TOMB).

1815 SECRETARY LAYS WREATH ON SARCOPHAGUS.

1830 SECRETARY DEPARTS PANTHEON FOR MIRAFLORES PALACE.

1840 SECRETARY ARRIVES MIRAFLORES PALACE. MEETS PRESIDENT PEREZ. PRESENTS BUST OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN TO PEREZ. PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

1925 SECRETARY DEPARTS MIRAFLORES PALACE FOR HILTON HOTEL.

1940 SECRETARY ARRIVES HILTON HOTEL.

1945-2025 PERSONAL TIME.

2030 SECRETARY DEPARTS HILTON HOTEL.

2045 SECRETARY ARRIVES AT LA CASONA (PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE). PHOTO OPPORTUNITY.

2130 OFFICIAL DINNER BEGINS. NOTE: TOASTS WILL BE TELEVISED.

WE HAVE NOW LEARNED THAT DINNER WILL BE STAG.

2245 DINNER ENDS

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2315 SECRETARY ARRIVES AT HILTON HOTEL

3. FEBRUARY 17, 1976

0745 SECRETARY DEPARTS HILTON HOTEL FOR BREAKFAST AND WORKING SESSION WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ.

0800 ARRIVE LA CASONA.

0900 BREAKFAST ENDS. WORKING SESSION CONTINUES (ATTENDANCE STILL TO BE DETERMINED).

1000 WORKING SESSION ENDS.

1000-1145 PERSONAL TIME. NOTE: WE ARE BEING PRESSED FOR SECRETARY TO CALL ON EX-PRESIDENT BETANCOURT AND CALDERA. ORDINARILY WE WOULD RECOMMEND THE SECRETARY MAKE THESE CALLS BECAUSE OF THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF THESE TWO MEN. BECAUSE OF THE SECRETARY'S CROWDED SCHEDULE AND THE SHORTAGE OF PERSONAL TIME WE ARE WORKING ON ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS.

1150 PRESS CONFERENCE AT HILTON HOTEL. LENGTH OF PRESS CONFERENCE WILL DEPEND ON SECRETARY'S DECISION WHETHER TO USE SIMULTANEOUS OR CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATION. IF FORMER, WE THINK 30-40 MINUTES SHOULD SUFFICE; IF CONSECUTIVE ONE HOUR SHOULD BE ALLOWED.

1245 SECRETARY DEPARTS HILTON HOTEL FOR PRESIDENT'S SEASIDE RESIDENCE OF LA GUZMANIA IN TOWN OF MACUTO.

1320 SECRETARY ARRIVES AT LA GUZMANIA FOR LUNCHEON GIVEN BY PRESIDENT PEREZ FOR SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS. NOTE: PEREZ WILL DELIVER A HALF-HOUR SPEECH DURING LUNCHEON. PRESS WILL BE PRESENT.

1515 SECRETARY DEPARTS LA GUZMANIA FOR MACUTO SHERATON HOTEL.

1530 SECRETARY ARRIVES MACUTO SHERATON HOTEL.

1530-1725 PERSONAL TIME.

1730 SECRETARY DELIVERS HIS SPEECH TO THE SEMINAR.

NOTE: WE ARE ASSURED BY GOV THAT IF SECRETARY'S SPEECH COMMENCES PROMPTLY AT 1730 IT CAN BE EDITED AND TRANSMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TV SCHEDULE PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO.

1810 SECRETARY CONCLUDES SPEECH.

1810-1925 PERSONAL TIME.

1930 SECRETARY HOSTS RECEPTION IN HOTEL BALLROOM.

2015 SECRETARY RETIRES TO HIS SUITE FOR PRIVATE DINNER.

4. FEBRUARY 18, 1976

0720 SECRETARY DEPARTS MACUTO SHERATON HOTEL FOR MAIQUETIA AIRPORT.

0745 SECRETARY ARRIVES MAIQUETIA. SEEN OFF BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER. MILITARY HONORS ARE RENDERED. NO FORMAL DEPARTURE STATEMENT PLANNED.

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